

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: ) Confirmation No.: 1577  
Seiichiro YAMAMOTO et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1714  
Application No.: 10/551,281 ) Examiner: Ryan L. Coleman  
Filed: July 17, 2006 )  
For: A DISCHARGING MECHANISM AND A )  
DISCHARGING METHOD OF SOLID )  
MATTER )

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
**Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment**  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM**

1. Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in response to the non-final Office Action dated November 15, 2010.
2. Additional papers enclosed:

Drawings: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) sheet(s) with \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) figure(s)  
 Information Disclosure Statement  
 PTO Form 1449 (0 References Attached)  
 Citations  
 Declaration of Biological Deposit  
 Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.

3. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

Applicants petition for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Extension</u>	<u>[Fee for Small Entity]</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 130.00	\$ 65.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 490.00	\$ 245.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 1,110.00	\$ 555.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 1,730.00	\$ 865.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$ 2,350.00	\$1,175.00

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$130.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefor.

4. Constructive Petition

**EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

5. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(e))	18	minus	20	0	x \$52 each =	+\$0.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	3	minus	3	0	x \$220 each =	+\$0.00
[[First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s)]					\$390.00	+\$0.00
SUB-TOTAL =						\$0.00
Reduction by $\frac{1}{2}$ for filing by a small entity						-\$0.00
TOTAL FEE =						\$0.00

6. Fee Payment

No fee is to be paid at this time.

Total Fees (\$130.00 for the one-month extension of time fee) is to be charged to a credit card. **WARNING:** Information on this form may become public. **Credit card information should not be included on this form.**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 50-0573 for the \_\_\_\_\_ fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0573.

Respectfully submitted,

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